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SUBJ: MERCURIO REAPPEARS

LIMA PASS AMB DAVIS

REF: SANTIAGO 2718

1. COURT OF APPEALS LATE JUNE 22 BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
REVOKED SUSPENSION ORDER AGAINST EL MERCURIO. NEWSPAPER
APPEARED TODAY. PRO- GOVT PRESS BURIED STORY, FEATURED
INSTEAD COMMUNICATION FROM UP SENATORS TO CONTROLLER
GENERAL CHARGING THAT SOME MINISTERS OF SUPREME COURT (INCLUDING
PRESIDENT) AND COURT OF APPEALS HAVE BEEN VIOLATING RULING THAT
TOP SALARY IS 20 SUELDOS VITALES.

2. UP PRESS REPORTS GOVT WILL BRING CHARGES UNDER
INTERNAL SECURITY LAW NEXT WEEK AGAINST NATIONAL PARTY,
PATRIA Y LIBERTAD AND DIRECTOR OF RIGH- WING WEEKLY PEC.
ACTION IN COURTS AGAINST EL MERCURIO AND LA UNION THREATENED BY
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ACTING INTENDENTE OF VALPARAISO PROVINCE FOR PUBLISHING
PN AD WHICH LED TO SUSPENSION SANTIAGO EL MERCURIO (REF).
IN ANTOFAGASTA, SIMILAR ACTION THREATENED AGAINST THAT
CITY' S EL MERCURIO FOR REPORTING CHUQUICAMATA MINER KILLED
WHEN HIT BY TEAR GAS BOMB FIRED BY CARABINEROS.

3. UP CONGRESS OPENED JUNE 22, PRINCIPAL SPEAKER ADONIS
SEPULVEDA, PRESIDENT OF FEDERATED UP PARTY. OFFICERS
ELECTED REPRESENTING ALL COMPONENT PARTIES. PRESIDENT
ALLENDE EXPECTED ADDRESS SESSION TOMORROW.

4. EL TENIENTE STRIKERS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL TRY SEE ALLENDE
NEXT WEEK TO SEEK SETTLEMENT. MEANWHILE, DOCTORS OF FOUR
HOSPITALS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER PERSONNEL, DEMONSTRATED IN
FRONT OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF STRIKERS
AND OF OWN DEMANDS, AND DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
THREATENED COUNTERMEASURES INCLUDING POSSIBLY DECLARING
SANTIAGO PROVINCE A " SANITARY EMERGENCY ZONE". SECONDARY
STUDENTS, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND SOME UNIV OF CHILE
STUDENTS REMAIN OUT ON STRIKE.

5. INCIDENTS YESTERDAY IN SANTIAGO AND SEVERAL OTHER CITIES,
INCLUDING FIRE BOMB ATTACK ON HOME OF PN DEPUTY IN CURICO
AND FIGHT BETWEEN PN AND UP STUDENTS ON OUTSKIRTS DOWNTOWN
SANTIAGO IN WHICH ONE STUDENT WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE. UNDERSEC
INTERIOR VERGARA BLAMED " FASCISTS" FOR 32 INCIDENTS OF
VIOLENCE FROM JUNE 17 THROUGH YESTERDAY, IN SANTIAGO AND
ELSEWHERE.

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